

WORKSHOPS @InspireIndia

Youth Engagement for National Impact



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WHO ARE WE?

InspireIndia is a youth-led social entrepreneurship institution dedicated to political literacy. InspireIndia aims to transform India's youth by shifting their focus toward society, the world and the self, enabling them to be active citizens. InspireIndia aims to assemble individuals to stimulate change by encouraging active societal participation and training them in citizenship and civic leadership. As part of our political literacy campaign, we aim to conduct workshops focused on awareness and capacity building in partnership with schools in pan-India. Here, we will cover topics and subjects ranging from leadership and communication skills to understanding politics and engagement strategies and exploring careers in the humanities.

All our workshops are designed to be at least 3 hours in length and include workshopping and exercises to maintain maximum participation.



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Designed to foster civil engagement in all its forms, InspireIndia offers an immersive and practical learning experience that brings participants up close to resources and teaches them to utilise them effectively. Workshops at InspireIndia aim to help students understand and be part of InspireIndia's mission to lead Indian youth to make organised and effective change. It will also help InspireIndia gauge our work with students and build meaningful collaborations

WHY US?

InspireIndia was created by students, for students. It offers students the opportunity to learn from their peers firsthand the skills and qualities it takes to capacity build—among the various other things II workshops are tailored to teach. Equipped with modern teaching styles and an active effort to retain students/participants of the seminars in the InspireIndia community allows us to have a bigger and more personal impact

What Workshops @InspireIndia offers

1 Critical Thinking Skills

Critical thinking enables individuals to objectively assess situations, identify biases, and make well-reasoned decisions. It fosters problem-solving skills and enhances the ability to navigate complex challenges effectively. Throughout the workshop designs, InspireIndia maintains an objective and thorough information delivery style, whether breaking down complex concepts or presenting new ideas; critical thinking is a constant theme in these workshops, encouraging participants to analyse information deeply and approach problems strategically. This focus helps attendees develop a robust framework for evaluating ideas and making informed decisions. The workshops are designed to establish the ability to assess scenarios through various perspectives and be an unbiased presentation of information to allow for creating unadulterated perspectives.

2 Practical Engagement Strategies

The workshops explore practical methods to capacity-build students through skill and knowledge building. Beyond conceptual understanding, workshops dedicated to capacity building aim to teach students how to apply the skills taught, such as solving problems effectively, participating in discourse and debate, and responsibly leveraging social media as active citizens. This is also at the core of what the InspireIndia is all about. Students can learn how to translate their everyday interactions into something concrete and impactful. This workshop aims to help students apply the skills they learn at the beginning of the seminar to real-life situations.

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Inspiration for Future Engagement

The seminars and workshops aim to inspire participants to continue exploring the topics discussed even beyond the sessions hosted by InspireIndia—from working on the image of the self to expanding on a more substantial base on global politics to fostering a commitment to staying informed and actively participating in shaping a conscious and informed society. A significant characteristic of our intent here at InspireIndia is to follow up with young thought leaders and equip them with tools to implement the change they want to see.

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Personal Development Skills

The goal of workshops at InspireIndia is for each student to leave our workshop with a newfound sense of confidence and the ability to carry themselves with the qualities a young leader must possess—the focus on skills building, critical thinking, policy, political awareness, and leadership development. The workshops at InspireIndia are curated to help grow one's skills.



TARGET AUDIENCE

Workshops @InspireIndia are aimed at building a strong foundation for youth. Therefore, creating a large audience is paramount to us at II

All workshops at InspireIndia are designed to be malleable i.e, can be remoulded and reshaped in content basis it's audience.

With multiple versions of examples and expaliners for concepts, workshops @II can effectively students from Grade 9 to 12

MODULE 1

NAVIGATING THE NEW WORLD ORDER: A WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ESSENTIALS

Understanding and actively participating in global politics is crucial for informed citizenship and shaping a better world in an era of interconnectedness and rapid global changes. This seminar aims to illuminate the significance of staying informed about global affairs and equip participants with practical tools to engage with the complexities of international relations.

It aims to empower participants to comprehend the intricate web of global politics and recognize their role as informed global citizens.

The workshop aims to demystify the often complex world of international relations, making it accessible and relevant to participants. Through interactive sessions, discussions, and real-world case studies, we hope to cultivate a curiosity about global affairs, encouraging participants to look beyond borders and appreciate the dynamics shaping our world.

Ultimately, we aim to instil a sense of agency, motivating participants to contribute to the global discourse actively.

NAVIGATING THE NEW WORLD ORDER: A WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ESSENTIALS

Topics Covered

- 01 ***Understanding the New World Order after World War II*** - Understanding postmodern global power structures and establishments, the reasons behind the need for global cooperation, and the power dynamics of the era.
- 02 ***Breaking down Multilateral Bodies*** - Understanding the roles of multilateral organisations such as the United Nations, European Union, the Bretton Woods Institutions and their respective roles
- 03 ***Understanding International Law*** - Understanding IL as a non-binding social contract between countries for orderly coexistence. Why countries choose to follow it, what makes IL effective and how it is maintained.
- 04 ***Breaking Down International Customary Law*** - Understanding the role of customs and on what grounds they are established as underlining principles of global cooperation.
- 05 ***Geopolitics and Geoeconomics*** - The trainers will explain the weightage of political and economic power and how these two forces help a country establish it's strength and position in the world order.
- 06 ***Importance of Trade in Diplomacy*** - The workshop will also delve into the importance of trade and how it contributes toward globalisation and international interdependence and how trade establishes itself as a detrimental factor in maitnaing international peace and non-conflict.
- 07 ***Introduction to Theories of IR*** - This section of the seminar will aim to softly introduce the concepts of constructivism, realism, feminism, marxism and liberalism on a foundational level.

STRUCTURE

<i>Lecture Portion (90 mins)</i>	We'll deliver a lecture that incorporates a thoughtful and handpicked selection of resources, interactions and addresses so that students are engaged whilst the stage is set for further work in the seminar.
<i>Discourse Session (approx 25 mins)</i>	The session will segway into a session that incorporates debate and conversation amongst the students, building on what's been discussed in the lecture. Discourse is a big part of workshopping to assimilate perspectives and foster vision and clarity
<i>Workshopping (approx 45 mins)</i>	A practical session will bring the theory and discussions into practice. This will ensure the students 'get their hands dirty' and become involved in an experience that brings global politics into the classroom. Students will be divided into opposing nation blocs and tasked with problem-solving in a crisis through negotiation.
<i>Resource Drive and Future Plan (approx 15 mins)</i>	We'll conduct a research drive where we talk about good resources to use and provide students with a repository which will be a toolkit for students to hone their knowledge post workshop. We will provide students a resource pool which will be updated regularly to maintain constant engagement.

MODULE 2

THE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: BREAKING DOWN THE CONCEPT OF LEADERSHIP AND ANALYSING IT'S ASPECTS

Modern setups have led to a disconnect in interpersonal relations, setting up barriers in communication and consequently affecting an individual's ability to build self-image and projection.

Inculcating leadership qualities through awareness and direct impact plans of action to work on the self and with others can act as a fix. Our prime objective is to ensure that each participant will possess the capability to successfully present their ideas and self in a coherent, assertive and captivating way. They would know how to conduct themselves and others when analysing and solving problems, giving them the courage and confidence to take lead in situations that may arise in school and beyond.

The introductory phase of this module sets the stage for a discussion on the pivotal topics of leadership and personality development. It emphasises the crucial role that effective leadership plays in personal and professional growth and the interconnected nature of leadership and personality traits. The discussion extends to the significance of self-awareness, emphasising how understanding one's strengths and weaknesses forms the cornerstone of leadership development.

THE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP:

BREAKING DOWN THE CONCEPT OF LEADERSHIP AND ANALYSING IT'S ASPECTS

Topics Covered

- 01 **Leadership Approaches** - We explore the multifaceted aspects of leadership, encompassing transformational, servant, and situational leadership styles. We also examine the interplay of these styles and how different situations call for different approaches.
- 02 **Objective Critical Thinking** - Understanding how to break problems down to simplify issues and creating holistic solutions to issues using critical thinking.
- 03 **The Self-improvement Loophole-** Understanding the paradox of self-improvement and discussing how to avoid allowing self-improvement cycles to turn into self-defeating mechanisms and create effective dynamic systems instead.
- 04 **Breaking Down International Customary Law** - Understanding the role of customs and on what grounds they are established as underlining principles of global cooperation.
- 05 **Effective Communication**—Here, we aim to establish a set of principles to follow when communicating to ensure maximum coherence and assertiveness. This segment will cover how to deal with criticism effectively and understand voice and conduct.
- 06 **Effective Practices**—Here, we cover the habits an effective leader maintains to keep growing and learning, drawing examples from the practices of leaders worldwide.
- 07 **Understanding Active Citizenship** - This segment of the workshop aims to introduce to the students the concept of active citizenship and how a leader can effectively work on the self as well as the collective for mutual benefit.

STRUCTURE

<i>Lecture Portion – Building Confidence and the Self (30 mins)</i>	We'll deliver a lecture incorporating a thoughtful and handpicked selection of resources, interactions and addresses so that students are engaged. At the same time, the stage is set for further work in the seminar.
<i>Learning Effective Communication (45 mins)</i>	We will delve into understanding what makes a good communicator, how voice and presence contribute to assertiveness, and how to deal with criticism and uncooperative crowds.
<i>Exercise – Leadership Approaches (approximately 40 mins)</i>	<p>An exercise will be conducted through a series of games. Participants will be divided into teams, with each team characterised by a different leadership approach.</p> <p>The exercise aims to show how the same leadership approach is ineffective in different situations.</p>
<i>Problem-solving through Critical Thinking (50 mins)</i>	Participants will be stimulated to understand how problem-solving approaches and objective-solving and critical thinking work. We will delve into different elements of analytical approaches to even the most basic issues, eventually leading to solving a large issue at hand. Crisis Management will also be covered here.

MODULE 3

THE POLITICS PLAYGROUND: UNDERSTANDING KEY THEORIES OF GOVERNANCE

This workshop aims to establish the basics of political theoretical understanding. It is a beginner's guide to ideology, how it functions, and how different modes of governance have existed over the years. The workshop delves into dissecting ideologies and modes of governance individually, weighing up each mode's pros and cons.

The workshop uses examples from across eras and continents to show how social organization has varied from place to place and from time to time. We also examine why certain ideologies failed to last while others remain relevant today.

This workshop aims to build a foundation and paint a picture of how political theory and practice has evolved over the years. The workshop will help add an objective political lens to help participants view their society, government and their interplay from an added perspective.

THE POLITICS PLAYGROUND:

UNDERSTANDING KEY THEORIES OF GOVERNANCE

Topics Covered

- 01** ***Aristotle and Athenian School of Thought*** - Understanding the origins of political temper and scientific thought. Aristotle's political beliefs and vision of the state.
- 02** ***Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau*** - Breaking down classical political thought and presenting ideas of the state as imagined by Hobbes with the Leviathan and Locke and Rousseau's versions of the social contract and state of nature
- 03** ***Marx, Communism and Socialism*** - Breaking down the basics of the communist ideology with reference to the communist manifesto, the capitalist critique and covering concepts like commodity fetishism.
- 04** ***Democracy and Liberty*** - Understanding the basics of democratic principles from Westphalian influences in governance, the role of the French Revolution and origin of the ideals of liberty, fraternity and equality in the state
- 05** ***Dictatorships and Monarchies*** - Understanding the functioning of autocracies and role of monarchs in the modern day
- 06** ***Totalitarianism vs Authoritarianism*** - Understanding the difference in the functioning of totalitarian states and authoritarian states

STRUCTURE

<i>Lecture Portion – Establishing the Basics (30 mins)</i>	The session will open with developing a basic understanding of a state, the role of the individual as a citizen in society, and the meaning of a civil society and a social contract.
<i>Classical Political Thought (60 mins)</i>	After establishing the basics, the workshop will explore the ideas of Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau to break down how society was envisioned before the industrial revolution.
<i>Communism vs Democracy (60 mins lecture + 20 mins debate)</i>	In this half of the session, participants will be divided into two blocs (one representing communism and the other democracy). The trainers will cover the basics of each governance pattern and then foster debate among the representatives of the two blocs
<i>Totalitarianism, Authoritarian and other forms of Governance(40 mins)</i>	Participants will then be taken through other forms of governance, inspired by real-world examples and current affairs. We will weigh the accountability of other different state infrastructure post, which participants will then engage in a discourse on what form of governance they find most appealing

MODULE 4

FROM DELHI TO THE WORLD: INDIA'S APPROACH TO FOREIGN POLICY

India's Foreign Policies were borne out of extreme cultural turmoil, and the frameworks that were put into place over seven decades ago still play a big role in dictating how India plays in the global arena.

This workshop offers insights into the country's historical context, strategic objectives, regional dynamics, and global partnerships. As India continues to emphasise its desire to be on equal footing with countries like the United States of America, China, etc., it's imperative to understand the ideology that drives the decisions made by the country's political leaders and decision-makers. For policymakers, scholars, and citizens alike, grasping the nuances of India's foreign relations is essential for engaging with the intricacies of contemporary international relations.

The workshop's goal is to leave students with a deeper understanding of foreign affairs and the ability to critically examine the decisions that are being made for the country. By engaging with this module, the students will have an appreciation for policy making and the skills to analyse the pitfalls and benefits of these policies. Objective reasoning and critical thinking skills are also a key aspect of this module, and these skills are honed through our other workshop modules as well.

THE POLITICS PLAYGROUND: UNDERSTANDING KEY THEORIES OF GOVERNANCE

Topics Covered

- 01** ***Where We Came From*** - Understanding the context of the geopolitical landscape at the time of India's independence. Prime Minister Nehru's ideology and the regional response.
- 02** ***Understanding Non-Alignment and Panchsheel as Foreign Policy*** - India's; logic behind non-alignment as a developing country and the role of traditions and norms in their stance.
- 03** ***Multi Alignment as an Alternative*** - Understanding multi alignment as a concept, weighing it's pros and cons and examining behavioural patterns
- 04** ***India's Role as Leader of the Global South*** - Understanding India's position as a post-colonial power and a leader in the G77. Policy behind mutually beneficial gains and it's role in becoming a "development leader"
- 05** ***India's Role in Multilateral Bodies*** - India's participation in multilateral organizations and it's position on treaties and policies specifically on the Non Proliferation Treaty.

STRUCTURE

<i>India Post Independence (45 mins)</i>	The workshop will begin by noting the situation and scenario India was in when it gained independence and what motivated it to equip its morals on foreign policy. We will also understand the role of Indian morals and traditions in Indian foreign policy.
<i>Non Alignment vs Multi-Alignment (30 mins)</i>	We will then track India's foreign policy and how it has evolved since independence. By tracking India's position on Non-Alignment in political conflict and multi-alignment in relation, we will try to understand how it places the country in the global diaspora.
<i>India's position in multilateral organisations (45 mins)</i>	We will explore India's position as a stakeholder in multilateral organisations, its policy toward development and role in organizations like BRICS, QUAD, G77 and most importantly the UN
<i>India as a Leader of the Global South (40 mins)</i>	We will delve into detail about India's role as a leader of the Global South, its aim to be the first development leader of the world, and its policies toward becoming a regional and global superpower.

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